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### **South Carolina's Employment Situation June 2015**

#### *Unemployment Rate Falls; Nearly 2,100 People Find Employment in June*

The state's unemployment rate decreased to 6.6 percent in June from the May level of 6.8 percent. South Carolina's employment level continued to improve in June as nearly 2,100 people found work. This marks 67 consecutive months that employment has increased, reaching another historic high of 2,112,034 people working.

After rising sixteen consecutive months, the labor force declined slightly from May to June by 2,307 to 2,260,791 people. The number of unemployed decreased by nearly 4,401 to 148,757.

The labor force has grown by 76,198 people over the last twelve months. Since June 2014 the level of unemployed individuals increased by 11,929 people. Since a year ago, 64,269 job seekers have found work.

Nationally, the unemployment rate declined from 5.5 percent in May to June's estimate of 5.3 percent.

#### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup>)**

June's seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payrolls increased over the month by 10,600 to a record high of 2,002,400.

- The most noticeable increases occurred in Leisure and Hospitality (+4,000); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+3,800); Construction (+1,800); Government (+1,400); and Professional and Business Services (+1,100), with additional gains in Financial Activities (+300) and Information (+100).
- Decreases were reported in Other Services (-1,600); Manufacturing (-200); and Education and Health Services (-100).

Compared to June 2014, seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 56,600. The largest growths were reported in Professional and Business Services (+14,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+10,700); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+9,400); Education and Health Services (+7,700); Government (+6,400); Construction (+5,900); and Manufacturing (+2,600). Smaller gains were seen in Other Services (+400) and Information (+200) while Financial Activities declined (-900).

## Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>2</sup>)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment in June improved by 10,400 to a record level of 2,021,700. Growth was concentrated in the service-providing industries, especially the Leisure and Hospitality (+8,700) sector, as the tourist season continues to flourish.

- Other upswings were seen in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4,100); Professional and Business Services (+2,400); and Construction (+2,300).
- Lesser gains were seen in Manufacturing (+500); Financial Activities (+300); and Information (+100).
- The most notable losses were in Government (-4,000); Education and Health Services (-3,200); and Other Services (-800).

From June 2014 to June 2015, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs were up 54,900 overall in South Carolina's workforce. Industries marking strong annual advances came from Professional and Business Services (+16,300); Leisure and Hospitality (+9,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,800); Education and Health Services (+6,900); Government (+6,800); Construction (+6,100); Manufacturing (+2,100); and Information (+300). Losses occurred in Financial Activities (-1,700) and Natural Resources and Mining (-100).

<sup>1</sup>**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

<sup>2</sup>**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

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# **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**Statewide  
June 2015**

Industry	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015 to June 2015		June 2014 to June 2015	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,002,400</b>	<b>1,991,800</b>	<b>1,945,800</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>0.53%</b>	<b>56,600</b>	<b>2.91%</b>
Construction	88,200	86,400	82,300	1,800	2.04%	5,900	7.17%
Manufacturing	232,800	233,000	230,200	-200	-0.09%	2,600	1.13%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	382,800	379,000	373,400	3,800	0.99%	9,400	2.52%
Information	26,500	26,400	26,300	100	0.38%	200	0.76%
Financial Activities	95,300	95,000	96,200	300	0.31%	-900	-0.94%
Professional and Business Services	267,000	265,900	252,700	1,100	0.41%	14,300	5.66%
Education and Health Services	233,500	233,600	225,800	-100	-0.04%	7,700	3.41%
Leisure and Hospitality	238,600	234,600	227,900	4,000	1.68%	10,700	4.70%
Other Services	72,000	73,600	71,600	-1,600	-2.22%	400	0.56%
Government	361,900	360,500	355,500	1,400	0.39%	6,400	1.80%

# **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**Statewide  
June 2015**

Industry	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015 to June 2015		June 2014 to June 2015	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>2,021,700</b>	<b>2,011,300</b>	<b>1,966,800</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>54,900</b>	<b>2.79%</b>
Natural Resources and Mining	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.00%	-100	-2.56%
Construction	89,500	87,200	83,400	2,300	2.64%	6,100	7.31%
Manufacturing	233,300	232,800	231,200	500	0.21%	2,100	0.91%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	384,800	380,700	376,000	4,100	1.08%	8,800	2.34%
Information	26,800	26,700	26,500	100	0.37%	300	1.13%
Financial Activities	95,800	95,500	97,500	300	0.31%	-1,700	-1.74%
Professional and Business Services	271,300	268,900	255,000	2,400	0.89%	16,300	6.39%
Education and Health Services	231,100	234,300	224,200	-3,200	-1.37%	6,900	3.08%
Leisure and Hospitality	251,600	242,900	242,200	8,700	3.58%	9,400	3.88%
Other Services	72,600	73,400	72,600	-800	-1.09%	0	0.00%
Government	361,100	365,100	354,300	-4,000	-1.10%	6,800	1.92%

# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

## South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas June 2015

Area*	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015 to June 2015		June 2014 to June 2015	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,002,400</b>	<b>1,991,800</b>	<b>1,945,800</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>0.53%</b>	<b>56,600</b>	<b>2.91%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	329,500	330,600	321,400	-1,100	-0.33%	8,100	2.52%
Columbia MSA	378,900	378,200	373,200	700	0.18%	5,700	1.53%
Florence MSA	84,600	84,700	84,000	-100	-0.12%	600	0.71%
Sumter MSA	38,500	38,000	38,700	500	1.30%	-200	-0.52%

\*As a result of the new Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) redefinition, there are only four South Carolina MSAs publishable under nonfarm, seasonally adjusted employment. MSAs are defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and are the result of the latest published standards from Census Bureau data. (The standards for defining the areas are reviewed and revised once every 10 years prior to each decennial census). Therefore, with the release of the 2014 benchmark, Current Employment Statistics will incorporate the updates to area definitions based on the new standards from the 2010 Census. As a result of the new standards, breaks have been created in the time series for these areas. Due to the breaks in the time series, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will be unable to publish all of the redefined areas on a seasonally adjusted basis. The South Carolina areas based on the 2010 standards and Census Bureau data were defined in February 2013.

# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

## South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas June 2015

Area**	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	May 2015 to June 2015		June 2014 to June 2015	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,021,700</b>	<b>2,011,300</b>	<b>1,966,800</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>54,900</b>	<b>2.79%</b>
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	333,300	332,600	324,500	700	0.21%	8,800	2.71%
Columbia MSA	380,300	381,000	372,000	-700	-0.18%	8,300	2.23%
Florence MSA	84,900	85,400	84,300	-500	-0.59%	600	0.71%
Greenville MSA	400,800	400,000	390,300	800	0.20%	10,500	2.69%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	75,900	74,500	74,300	1,400	1.88%	1,600	2.15%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	166,700	160,300	162,300	6,400	3.99%	4,400	2.71%
Spartanburg MSA	140,900	141,400	137,800	-500	-0.35%	3,100	2.25%
Sumter MSA	38,600	38,400	38,700	200	0.52%	-100	-0.26%

\*\*As a result of the MSAs redefinition, a new area has been defined, and changes have occurred in three South Carolina not seasonally adjusted MSAs. The new MSA is Hilton Head Island-Bluffton. The changed MSAs are as follows: Greenville MSA now incorporates Anderson County, thereby eliminating the Anderson MSA; Spartanburg now includes Union County; and Myrtle Beach Conway-North Myrtle Beach now includes Brunswick County, N.C.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE**  
**(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA		June 2015				May 2015				June 2014			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
Allendale County	↓	3,096	2,741	355	11.5	2,991	2,644	347	11.6	2,940	2,590	350	11.9
Bamberg County	↑	5,924	5,253	671	11.3	5,703	5,109	594	10.4	5,608	4,983	625	11.1
Marlboro County	↑	10,463	9,298	1,165	11.1	10,236	9,140	1,096	10.7	9,938	8,889	1,049	10.6
Orangeburg County	↑	39,661	35,325	4,336	10.9	38,914	34,807	4,107	10.6	37,711	33,809	3,902	10.3
Marion County	↑	13,470	12,067	1,403	10.4	13,175	11,830	1,345	10.2	12,980	11,642	1,338	10.3
Barnwell County	↑	9,199	8,330	869	9.4	9,041	8,210	831	9.2	8,854	7,997	857	9.7
Williamsburg County	↑	13,492	12,227	1,265	9.4	13,224	12,024	1,200	9.1	13,029	11,754	1,275	9.8
Dillon County	↓	13,210	11,988	1,222	9.3	12,912	11,696	1,216	9.4	12,713	11,450	1,263	9.9
Chester County	↑	14,106	12,815	1,291	9.2	14,056	12,795	1,261	9.0	13,698	12,415	1,283	9.4
Lee County	↓	6,712	6,093	619	9.2	6,626	5,977	649	9.8	6,504	5,898	606	9.3
Hampton County	↓	9,021	8,209	812	9.0	8,779	7,955	824	9.4	8,486	7,846	640	7.5
Union County	↑	11,835	10,777	1,058	8.9	11,844	10,796	1,048	8.8	11,546	10,548	998	8.6
Clarendon County	↑	13,622	12,443	1,179	8.7	13,330	12,206	1,124	8.4	13,094	11,948	1,146	8.8
Darlington County	↑	30,273	27,694	2,579	8.5	29,925	27,557	2,368	7.9	29,838	27,379	2,459	8.2
Fairfield County	↑	10,286	9,410	876	8.5	10,209	9,362	847	8.3	10,082	9,190	892	8.8
Cherokee County	↑	24,440	22,520	1,920	7.9	24,214	22,339	1,875	7.7	23,720	21,734	1,986	8.4
Georgetown County	↓	26,742	24,619	2,123	7.9	26,216	24,099	2,117	8.1	25,636	23,621	2,015	7.9
Sumter County	↑	44,504	41,018	3,486	7.8	44,111	40,755	3,356	7.6	44,464	41,038	3,426	7.7
Abbeville County	↑	10,916	10,086	830	7.6	10,808	10,024	784	7.3	10,535	9,704	831	7.9
Calhoun County	—	7,094	6,555	539	7.6	7,053	6,516	537	7.6	6,915	6,386	529	7.7
McCormick County	↓	3,660	3,382	278	7.6	3,655	3,372	283	7.7	3,535	3,254	281	7.9
Colleton County	—	17,572	16,247	1,325	7.5	17,434	16,127	1,307	7.5	16,913	15,604	1,309	7.7
Florence County	↑	64,789	59,945	4,844	7.5	64,852	60,126	4,726	7.3	64,158	59,432	4,726	7.4
Laurens County	↑	31,013	28,674	2,339	7.5	30,763	28,565	2,198	7.1	30,023	27,925	2,098	7.0
Lancaster County	↑	35,665	33,112	2,553	7.2	35,704	33,161	2,543	7.1	34,716	32,087	2,629	7.6
Chesterfield County	↑	22,184	20,638	1,546	7.0	21,843	20,402	1,441	6.6	21,331	19,816	1,515	7.1
Greenwood County	↑	32,929	30,643	2,286	6.9	32,512	30,292	2,220	6.8	31,725	29,456	2,269	7.2
Pickens County	↑	56,776	52,943	3,833	6.8	56,427	52,872	3,555	6.3	55,395	51,660	3,735	6.7
Edgefield County	↑	10,847	10,118	729	6.7	10,808	10,094	714	6.6	10,555	9,802	753	7.1
Horry County	↓	144,639	134,898	9,741	6.7	139,589	129,730	9,859	7.1	140,775	131,540	9,235	6.6
Kershaw County	↑	28,806	26,874	1,932	6.7	28,626	26,751	1,875	6.5	28,144	26,257	1,887	6.7
Spartanburg County	↑	138,987	129,621	9,366	6.7	138,516	129,725	8,791	6.3	136,227	126,943	9,284	6.8
Aiken County	↑	74,735	69,788	4,947	6.6	74,758	69,956	4,802	6.4	72,989	68,029	4,960	6.8
Richland County	↑	197,236	184,293	12,943	6.6	196,296	184,113	12,183	6.2	193,385	180,832	12,553	6.5
Oconee County	↑	35,885	33,575	2,310	6.4	35,402	33,183	2,219	6.3	34,623	32,281	2,342	6.8
Anderson County	↑	89,054	83,530	5,524	6.2	88,603	83,255	5,348	6.0	86,990	81,495	5,495	6.3
Dorchester County	↑	72,367	67,873	4,494	6.2	71,880	67,609	4,271	5.9	70,621	66,282	4,339	6.1
York County	↑	124,713	116,988	7,725	6.2	125,006	117,445	7,561	6.0	121,554	113,508	8,046	6.6
Berkeley County	—	93,305	87,569	5,736	6.1	92,873	87,221	5,652	6.1	91,246	85,560	5,686	6.2
Beaufort County	—	72,477	68,118	4,359	6.0	71,248	66,951	4,297	6.0	70,812	66,663	4,149	5.9
Newberry County	↑	19,451	18,275	1,176	6.0	18,966	17,848	1,118	5.9	18,592	17,473	1,119	6.0
Jasper County	↑	11,865	11,162	703	5.9	11,751	11,078	673	5.7	11,557	10,867	690	6.0
Saluda County	—	9,067	8,541	526	5.8	8,845	8,332	513	5.8	8,735	8,206	529	6.1
Greenville County	↑	240,573	226,937	13,636	5.7	239,549	226,289	13,260	5.5	234,607	221,520	13,087	5.6
Lexington County	↑	142,700	134,760	7,940	5.6	142,256	134,496	7,760	5.5	139,436	131,861	7,575	5.4
Charleston County	↑	197,282	186,494	10,788	5.5	196,928	186,327	10,601	5.4	192,267	181,915	10,352	5.4
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	362,954	341,936	21,018	5.8	361,681	341,157	20,524	5.7	354,134	333,757	20,377	5.8
Columbia MSA	↑	395,189	370,433	24,756	6.3	393,285	369,570	23,715	6.0	386,697	362,732	23,965	6.2
Florence MSA	↑	95,062	87,639	7,423	7.8	94,777	87,683	7,094	7.5	93,996	86,811	7,185	7.6
Greenville - Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	417,416	392,084	25,332	6.1	415,342	390,981	24,361	5.9	407,015	382,600	24,415	6.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,260,791	2,112,034	148,757	6.6	2,263,098	2,109,940	153,158	6.8	2,184,593	2,047,765	136,828	6.3

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

Counties are sorted by current month's unemployment rate in descending order.

↑ Unemployment Rate Up  
↓ Unemployment Rate Down  
— Unemployment Rate =